

Health Information Technology Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
September 23, 2021	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording

Participant Name and Attendance

Council Members					
Joseph Quaranta (Co-Chair)	X	Ted Doolittle, OHA	X	Lisa Stump	
Victoria Veltri, Interim OHS HITO (Co-Chair)	X	Stacy Beck		Patrick Charmel	
Joe Stanford, DSS	X	Robert Rioux	X	Alan Kaye, MD	
Elizabeth Taylor, DMHAS		David Fusco	X	Dina Berlyn	X
Cindy Butterfield, DCF		Nicolangelo Scibelli	X	Cassandra Murphy	
Sharonda Carlos, DOC		Patricia Checko		Chuck Podesta	
Vanessa Hinton, DPH	X	Kimberly Martone, OHS	X	Ken Ferrucci	
Dennis C. Mitchell, DDS	X	William Petit, MD	X	Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin	X
Mark Raymond, CIO	X	Jeanette DeJesus		Dr. Susan Israel	X
Sandra Czunas, OSC	X	Robert Blundo, AHCT		Mark Gildea (HHC Health/ Speaker Ritter's designee)	X

Supporting Leadership

Jessica Guite, OHS	X	Terry Bequette, CedarBridge	X	Tom Agresta, MD, UConn Health	
Carol Robinson, CedarBridge	X	Kassi Miller, CedarBridge			
Vatsala Pathy, CedarBridge	X				

Agenda

	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Victoria Veltri, Interim OHS HITO (Co-Chair)	1:00 PM
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the Health Information Technology Advisory Council was held on Thursday, September 23, 2021, by webinar. Victoria Veltri welcomed council members and called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.		
2.	Public Comment	Attendees	1:02 PM
	There was no public comment.		
3.	Review and Approval of Minutes July 15, 2021	Council Members	1:05 PM
	It was determined that a quorum had been established. Victoria Veltri asked for a motion to approve the July 15, 2021, Health IT Advisory Council meeting minutes. Joe Stanford created the motion. Vanessa Hinton seconded. William Petit abstained. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved.		
4.	Five-Year Statewide Health IT Plan Development Environmental Scan Recommendations: Summary of Feedback Report, Implementation Planning Discussion	Carol Robinson, CEO & Vatsala Pathy, Senior Director, CedarBridge Group	1:10 PM

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Carol Robinson and Vatsala Pathy, of CedarBridge Group, presented on the Five-Year Statewide Health IT Plan Development, Environmental Scan Recommendations: Summary of Feedback Report, Implementation Planning Discussion ([see meeting presentation here](#)).

- Highlights of the presentation included:
 - An overview of the Environmental Scan and draft recommendations.
 - A review of the Summary of Feedback Report – the report includes feedback received through public comments, webinars, and OHS workgroups.
 - Elements of the Health IT Plan which includes HIE/Connie, strategies to address social determinants of health, interagency data sharing, behavioral health IT challenges, a best possible medication history, and health information privacy to protect families and patients.
 - Implementation timing and planning goals were reviewed.
- Next steps were reviewed and include identifying an interagency workgroup to fine tune recommendations related to state agencies; establish the Health IT Plan implementation milestones; finalize the implementation plan and consider timing of sustainability strategies; draft a sustainability plan appendix; and draft a compendium of technical standards, business practices, and policies. The Council discussed the presentation.
- There was a discussion about financial incentives for behavioral health providers and whether there is support for the adoption of electronic health records (EHR) and HIE services. It was noted that some behavioral health providers are concerned about privacy and the confidentiality of data if it is exchanged. It was mentioned that many behavioral health providers keep several sets of records, one that is publicly/insurance wide accessible and one that is completely private to them. A concern was expressed about the validity and accuracy of the information if only part of the data is shared/received. It was stated that it reinforces the need for additional conversations and dialogues with the behavioral health community before anything happens as it relates to policymaking or funding to ensure that solutions are addressing the problems.
- A question was raised about whether the information being provided is being given the due diligence that it deserves. A concern was expressed about whether members or the organizations they are representing understand the information as it applies to their areas and have provided feedback on what is being asked for. It was noted that efforts have been made to get the word out and receive active feedback as deeply as possible through various consumer channels such as the Consumer Advisory Council and community organization contacts. There was a suggestion for members to provide their perspectives and input.
- At this time, Ms. Guite administered the roll call. Ms. Veltri apologized to the members who had trouble joining the meeting and checked to see if members that joined late wanted to make any comments.
- It was stated that it is important for patients to know what medical data they will be able to give consent on and what they will be able to opt out of. There was mention regarding social determinants of health, race, ethnicity, language, insurance data, and home address information, and whether patients would have the option of opting out of these as well. It was noted that it is important to have transparency around what cannot be opted out of.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Veltri thanked Ms. Pathy and Ms. Robinson for the presentation. Additional discussions ensued, for more information on this presentation, please see the link below. https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/HITAC_Meeting_Recording_09232021.mp4 		
5.	Announcements & General Discussion	Victoria Veltri, Council Members	2:50 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Veltri opened the floor for announcements and general discussion. There was no additional announcements or discussion. 		
6.	Wrap up and Meeting Adjournment	Victoria Veltri	3:00 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The motion to adjourn was made by Vanessa Hinton, seconded by William Petit. The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m. 		

Upcoming Meeting Dates: October 21, 2021

Meeting information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/HIT-Work-Groups/Health-IT-Advisory-Council>

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